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THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

CONGRESSIONAL.

THERE was less than a quorum present when the Senate met after the holiday recess on the 6th. Many resolutions and several bills were presented, and a bill passed to increase to \$72 per month the pension of certain soldiers and sailors who are totally helpless from injuries received or disease contracted during the war. After an executive session the Senate adjourned. In the House a resolution was adopted authorizing the speaker to administer the oath of office to Mr. Randall at his residence, and also authorizing Messrs. Wilber, of New York, and Whitthorn, of Tennessee, to take the oath of office before the proper officers. Then followed the introduction of a flood of bills, and Mr. Perkins, of Kansas, reported back the bill for towns site entries in Oklahoma and the House adjourned.

In the Senate on the 7th Senator Voorhees offered a resolution in regard to reports that the United States Attorney at Indianapolis had interfered in his official capacity to prevent the arrest of W. W. Dudley on the charge of violating the election laws and calling upon the Attorney General to report what instructions had been issued to the district attorney on the subject. The resolution went over. After an executive session the Senate adjourned. After the transaction of routine business in the House the speaker announced that in accordance with authority vested in him by resolution he had administered the oath of office to Hon. S. J. Randall. A motion that the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole for consideration of the District of Columbia bill was opposed by the Democrats on the ground that no rules had yet been adopted. A long debate followed, but the motion finally prevailed by a party vote and the House went into committee but soon adjourned.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

ROBERT G. BLAINE, brother of the Secretary of State, and who for the past eight years has been curator in the Agricultural Department, has received the appointment as deputy first auditor of the Treasury Department.

The Pan-American congress resumed its sessions in Washington on the 2d, but as none of the committees were ready to report the body soon adjourned.

The public debt decreased during the month of December \$3,128,095.39. It now stands, less cash in the treasury, \$1,062,952,911.33.

W. A. WALKER, United States Attorney for Wisconsin, has resigned.

CAPTAIN COUCH, of Oklahoma City, is in Washington.

SECRETARY WINDOM has ordered the transfer of \$20,000,000 in gold coin from San Francisco to New York, there being too much gold at the former place.

REV. T. M. JOINER, a British subject, has laid a formal complaint before the British Minister complaining of rough usage by a mob while preaching to the negroes at Holly Springs, N. C.

CONGRESSMAN RANDALL was reported convalescing at Washington on the 5th.

JUDGE BREWER was sworn in as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court at Washington on the 6th.

In the Supreme Court at Washington on the 6th the Neagle case, arising out of the killing of Judge Terry in California last summer, was set down for argument on March 1, as was also the case of the San Tulare Railroad Company, of California, involving the right of States to impose special taxation upon railroads.

The United States Supreme Court has decided that Mormon officials of Utah who claimed to have been elected to the places were not entitled to the positions under the organic act of the Territory.

THE EAST.

THE works of the Edison Electric Light Company, New York, burned recently, causing much inconvenience to parties using incandescent lights.

THE gas regulator building at Economy, Pa., was wrecked and George Kirschbaum, aged forty, was instantly killed and John Becker badly hurt by an explosion recently.

ONE span of a new iron bridge at Holyoke, Mass., was blown down the other day and one man was killed and two others injured. Thirty workmen managed to escape to other spans in time.

MRS. BRENNAN, of Holyoke, Mass., under indictment for poisoning members of her family in order to obtain insurance on their lives, is dying in the jail at Springfield, Mass., of Bright's disease.

THE International Fair Association of Buffalo, N. Y., is reported in financial difficulties. The association is possessed of valuable property.

GOVERNOR BEAVER, of Pennsylvania, has issued warrants for the execution of four murderers February 20.

THE lumber schooner Joseph Southem has been towed into Boston. She was found abandoned at sea. Her crew of eight men was supposed to have perished. She was from Brunswick, Ga.

NEW YORK last year spent \$17,000,000 on her public schools.

A LOCAL freight train on the South Cheshire railroad collided near Eastmoreland, N. H., recently with a wild freight running north. Engineer W. Hale and Fireman Gibson, of Bellows Falls, were killed and others injured.

A WEST-BOUND mail train on the Pennsylvania road killed two men at Tyrone, two more at Ben's Creek and ran into an omnibus two miles further on, almost killing a woman.

FIVE men were imprisoned in the Nottingham mine at Plymouth, Pa., by an explosion the other day which set fire to the bratticing. Rescuers bravely dashed through the flames and brought out the men, one of whom was seriously hurt.

By a collision between a construction train and an extra freight near Belvidere, N. J., the other day, both engineers and a fireman were hurt and the road badly blocked.

THE WEST.

THE Chicago Conservatory of Music and Dramatic Art gave an impromptu entertainment recently in honor of Adelina Patti.

FOUR men (two Russian and two Greeks) lost their lives on the northern side of the Golden Gate, San Francisco, while out fishing in a boat recently.

WILLIAM WEAVER, a young farmer, was instantly killed recently near Wabash, Ind., while cutting timber, the rebound of a branch crushing in his skull.

JUDGE KNICKERBOCKER, probate judge of Cook County (Chicago), died of apoplexy recently. His death was unexpected.

THE 3rd Cavalry of California has arrived safely at San Francisco. It was reported lost a few weeks ago.

PUEBLO Indians near Cochite, N. M., put on war paint recently and ordered Engineer Wiggins, of the Rio Grande Irrigation Company to suspend work on his canal.

THE strike on the Mackey system, according to an Evansville, Ind., dispatch, is settled.

THE Mississippi river at Davenport, Iowa, was reported on the 5th to be eight inches lower than at any previous time recorded.

THE Compulsory School law has been put to the test at Shelbyville, Ill., and Mrs. Jane Axford, who kept her boy at home because she was so poor that he had to assist in making a living, is in jail. Five dollars and costs was the penalty attached and the poor woman, unable to pay, was put in prison.

THE explosion of a lamp caused the destruction of a furniture factory at Manistee, Mich. William Chambers perished. Loss, \$40,000.

JUDGE WALLACE, in the Superior Court at San Francisco, has decided the case of the American Sugar Refinery Company adversely to the trust.

W. T. BAKER has been elected president of the Chicago Board of Trade. For the first time in many years the honor was conferred without a contest. J. G. Stoner defeated Zep Brosseau in a close fight for the vice-presidency.

THE Lee-Deming Wholesale Grocery Company of St. Louis, has failed with liabilities estimated at \$242,030 and assets \$250,000. The failure is due to slow collections and an attempt to carry on a big business on a small capital.

THE SOUTH.

FIVE hundred hemp producers and workmen of Lexington, Ky., have sent a petition to the Ways and Means Committee against any change in the present tariff on hemp.

A MULE caused the derailment of a passenger engine and three coaches twenty miles from Pine Bluff, Ark., the other night. Several passengers were bruised but none seriously injured.

AN Inter-State cattlemen's convention has been called to meet at Fort Worth, Tex., March 11.

THE aldermen of Frankfort, Ky., have enacted an ordinance prohibiting the sale of cigarettes. The law is being strictly enforced.

By a collision in a thick fog west of Savannah, Ga., two engines were wrecked and six persons slightly injured.

WILMORE HALL, colored, has been hanged at Louisville, Ga., for the murder of J. L. Evans, a white man. He confessed.

AN unfinished trestle on the Brierfield, Blocton & Birmingham (Ala.) railroad fell the other morning, carrying down twenty-five carpenters. David J. Webb and Carl Mark were killed and twenty others were injured.

TRAVEL has been interrupted and railroads much damaged by heavy rains in Arkansas.

A FREIGHT train on the San Antonio & Aransas Pass road went through a bridge at Hallettsville, Tex., recently. Several train men lost their lives.

FOUR loggers were burned to death at Beebe's camp, near Paducah, Ky., the other night by their cabin taking fire. It is supposed they were all intoxicated.

JOSEPH and Campbell Noel recently waylaid, shot and killed J. W. Sangford, near Harrisburg, Ky., for ruining their sister.

THE municipal election at Jackson, Miss., at which troubles were expected, passed off quietly.

JOEL K. BROWN, of Dayton, Tenn., left his wife the other day and joined another woman. Whitecaps took the couple out and whipped them until they were nearly dead. Brown then effected a reconciliation with his wife.

News has been received at Raleigh, N. C., that Carson L. Powell, a Baptist missionary to Algiers, killed his daughter in a fit of insanity as she sat upon his lap.

GENERAL.

THE white lead trust has recently advanced prices three-quarters of a cent per pound. In addition it has made better terms to jobbers, based on the quantity of goods handled. The arrangement is that the firm which handles 50,000 pounds of lead is given a rebate larger in proportion than is received by the firm handling 20,000 pounds.

In an encounter between Yaqui Indians and Mexican troops at Guchorri, Sonora, Mexico, several Indians were killed.

DANIEL DOUGHERTY, of New York, will deliver the next St. Patrick's day oration at Ottawa, Ont.

SR. JOHNS, N. F., in eighteen months has had 2,064 cases of diphtheria and 401 deaths by the disease.

CLEARING house returns for the week ended January 4 showed an average increase of 2.1 compared with the corresponding week of last year. In New York the increase was 10.4.

THE American squadron of evolution has arrived at Gibraltar from Tangier. SENOR SAGASTA is experiencing great difficulty in forming a new Spanish Ministry and may have to abandon the task.

JOSEPH I. ROCHE, business manager of the Baltimore American, died recently of consumption. He was thirty-three years of age and unmarried.

THE Prince of Wales is reported extremely popular with all classes in Great Britain. There are indications that through him agreements on the Irish question may be arrived at.

THE Anti-Slavery Society is making arrangements for an expedition to Lake Tanganyika.

THE Erete Fabricken, in Pretoria, the largest structure in the Transvaal, has been destroyed by fire. The loss was £100,000.

THE railway workmen of Scotland have taken a vote on the ten hours question. The majority are against a strike and express a desire to confer with the masters.

ARCHBISHOP IRELAND denies the story that he is to be made Papal Delegate and given a Cardinal's hat.

MORE fighting is reported in Crete. FLOODS are reported in the north-west portion of Queensland, Australia.

ONE of the east-bound Michigan Central freight trains crashed into the rear of an extra east-bound freight on Grand river bridge near Cayuga, Ont., recently. The caboose and nineteen cars and the locomotive fell twenty feet into the river. The train men escaped.

It was reported at Lisbon on the 6th that Lord Salisbury had sent a sharp note to Portugal, demanding satisfaction for Major Serpa Pinto's attack on African tribes under British protection.

THE Louisville & Nashville railway directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of three per cent.

THE American window glass trust has advanced prices ten per cent.

THE LATEST.

JACK ROWE, the ball player, was reported extremely sick with pneumonia at Buffalo, N. Y., on the 7th, but not dead as certain reports had it.

ELLA WHITE, a female forger, recently arrested in Chicago for swindling people of Elmira, N. Y., out of \$30,000, has escaped from the jail there.

THE other morning as a street car on Fourth street, St. Louis, was bowling along the two horses ran against a broken electric wire. The shock killed both horses and stunned the driver.

POWDERLY, of the Knights of Labor, was reported quite sick at Scranton, Pa., on the 7th, and not fit to stand arrest at Callaghan's instigation.

CONGRESSMAN KELLEY passed a bad day on the 7th. He was delirious.

EMPEROR AUGUSTA, the aged widow of Emperor William I. of Germany, died on the 7th. She had been attacked with the prevailing influenza.

MRS. SOUTHWORTH died in the Tombs prison, New York, on the 7th. On November 22 last she shot and killed Stephen Pettus, a well known Brooklyn man, who had effected her ruin. After the shooting she took sick and gradually died.

HEAVY rains in Southern Illinois have caused washouts on the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City and Wabash branch roads near Edwardsville.

A REAR end collision in the suburbs of Poplar Bluffs, Mo., caused the wrecking of an engine, a caboose and seven loaded cars. Two persons were injured.

F. B. CLARKE, traffic manager of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, has resigned.

THREE men were crushed to death by the sudden collapse of the north wall of an old railroad machine shop at Long Island City, N. Y., recently.

LIBERTY, Mo., was the scene of a sensational killing on the evening of the 7th, a stranger named Luyton being killed by the ex-prosecuting county attorney, James L. Sheetz. No cause was known for the affair.

THE city building of Lewiston, Me., was destroyed by fire recently. The loss was \$300,000. The property destroyed included a valuable library.

OFFICIALS in the hydrographic office at Washington place no credence in the report that the Gulf stream has changed its course.

GOVERNOR BRACKETT's message to the Legislature of Massachusetts speaks in the highest terms of the workings of the Australian system of voting.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

Teachers Declare for Prohibition.

The annual meeting of the Kansas Teachers' Association, held at Topeka, was largely attended. The following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The Prohibitory amendment to the Constitution of Kansas has, by driving the saloon beyond her borders, brought happiness and comfort to thousands of homes, has brought thousands of sober, industrious people to us from other States and from other lands; has reduced crime and pauperism; has made it easier for us to govern and teach the children of the Commonwealth, and has elevated Kansas to a plane of civilization never reached by any other people in the history of the world; therefore,

Resolved, That we are now and forever opposed to a resubmission of the Prohibitory amendment; and that it is our deliberate conviction that the Prohibitory amendment is as firmly embedded in the Constitution of Kansas and in the hearts of her people as are the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments embedded in the Federal Constitution, and in the hearts of the American people.

Resolved, That the substance of the foregoing resolution be telegraphed to every State Teachers' Association now in session in any part of the United States.

A New Enterprise.

Articles of incorporation, announcing a capital stock of \$400,000, have been filed by the Consolidated Land and Cattle Company of Kansas City with the Secretary of State at Topeka. The object of the company is the breeding, raising, buying and selling of cattle and horses, and in connection therewith the buying, owning, holding, leasing and selling of real estate throughout the United States.

Women's Wages.

Labor Commissioner Betton's report will be issued about February 1. The commissioner has been making a specialty of investigating the wages of working women in the larger cities of the State, and this department of the report will prove of unusual interest to the large number of women throughout the State who claim that they should receive equal wages with the sterner sex for similar labor performed.

The Flag Winners.

The teachers of Jackson County on their return from the Teachers' convention at Topeka after the capture of the flag, were met at the depot in Holton by the Third Regiment Band and a large company of citizens. From the depot they were escorted to the court-house, where they were given a warm reception.

He Blew Into His Gun.

George Callen, a night watchman at the Missouri Pacific Freight Depot in Leavenworth, shot himself at his home while fooling with a loaded gun. He was handling a double-barreled shotgun, with one load in it, and was blowing into the muzzle of the gun, with his foot on the lock, trying to find out which barrel was loaded, when it accidentally went off, discharging the load of shot into his head. The entire load in the gun passed into the right side of his head, blowing out his right eye and injuring him probably fatally.

Concerning Kansas Sugar.

Hon. George F. Kellogg, State Sugar Inspector, has filed his annual report concerning the sorghum-sugar industry in Kansas. The report shows that the grand total of sugar manufactured last year was 1,293,275 pounds, as against 698,274 pounds manufactured the previous year. In addition to the foregoing Inspector Kellogg states that fully 200,000 pounds more sugar will be obtained from the "seconds," which will take a month or six weeks to get out. The bounty of two cents per pound offered by the State will be realized upon the 1,293,275 pounds by the manufacturers, or the sum of \$25,865.50. The sugar companies who will share in the above bounty are four in number, namely: The Parkinson Sugar Company of Fort Scott, \$7,196.60; the Medicine Lodge Sugar Company, \$8,004.70; the Kansas State Sugar Company of Atchison, \$5,349.60; the Southern Kansas Sugar Company of Conway Springs, \$5,349.60. The sugar manufactured last year is of excellent quality, and the prices at which it has been sold range from 5 1/2 to 7 cents per pound, the average being about 6 cents per pound. According to the provisions of the act of the Legislature, relating to the sugar bounty, the amount appropriated for this purpose can not exceed \$40,000 during one year, so that there is an unexpended balance from the bounty fund of \$14,134.50.

To Investigate.

State Sugar Inspector Kellogg left Topeka a few days ago for Meade and Mineola to investigate the alleged sugar frauds. The investigation is made at the request of the people of Meade County, where the frauds are alleged to have been perpetrated.

Pressed Brick Works Burned.

The Topeka Pressed Brick Works were destroyed by fire a few evenings ago. The loss will aggregate about \$14,000, which is covered by insurance. The works were located several miles west of Topeka.

An Atchison Failure.

E. J. August, an Atchison retail boot and shoe dealer, has assigned, with liabilities aggregating \$30,000; assets the same. The principal creditors are in St. Louis and Chicago. The failure is attributed to the mild weather.

Flour for Glasgow.

The milling firm of Kelly & Lysle, of Leavenworth, recently shipped forty-six car-loads of flour to Glasgow, Scotland. The shipment made up two entire freight trains.

SHOT DEAD.

Ex-Prosecuting Attorney Sheetz Kills John Luyton at Liberty, Mo.—The Cause of the Tragedy a Mystery.

LIBERTY, Mo., Jan. 8.—James L. Sheetz, ex-prosecuting attorney of Clay County, shot and killed John Luyton, a stranger, at seven o'clock last evening. The cause of the murder is a mystery.

The proprietor and the few citizens in the drug store of T. T. Allen on the south side of the square at seven o'clock heard several shots in rapid succession in a room over the store. All hastened to the front door and saw James L. Sheetz, ex-prosecuting attorney of Clay County, rush down the stairway and west on Kansas street, saying nothing to any one.

In a very short time Sheetz returned in company with Sheriff Oscar Thompson and they went to Sheetz' office in the rear of the building. No one followed, but the Sheriff soon appeared at the head of the stairway and sent for Deputy Sheriff W. H. Wymore, and City Marshal Alexander Courtney, who arrived shortly. None of the citizens who had congregated at the door were allowed to come up.

In about thirty minutes Sheetz was brought down and taken to the sheriff's office and placed under guard.

The cause of the tragedy is a mystery as Sheetz could not be induced to give any reason for the shooting. The real facts will only develop at the inquest.

Luyton is a stranger, having arrived here a short time ago with his wife from Illinois, en route to California, it is said. He was about thirty years of age with a light colored mustache and hair. He weighed about 165 pounds and his occupation is thought to have been a brick mason. His wife has not been notified up to this time, as it is not known in what part of the town she is.

James L. Sheetz is a young man, unmarried, about thirty years of age. He is a native of Clay County, having been born at Missouri City. His mother and a brother—Dr. William Sheetz, a prominent physician—reside at Orrick, Mo. Another brother, Frank Sheetz, one of the best known lawyers of Northwest Missouri, lives at Chillicothe. James Sheetz has always been considered a law-abiding citizen, and not by any means a dangerous character. His term of office expired at the last election and he was defeated for re-election.

LA GRIPPE'S CHIEF VICTIM.

The Aged Widow of Emperor William I. of Germany Dead.

BERLIN, Jan. 7.—The Dowager Empress Augusta had a relapse of la grippe and died at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. The Emperor, the Empress and their two eldest sons, Crown Prince William and Prince Frederick, and the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess of Baden, son-in-law and daughter respectively of the Dowager Empress, were at her bedside. Count Von Moltke left her palace at noon, much affected by her alarming condition. A large crowd had assembled in Unter den Linden before the palace and much sympathy was shown.

The Dowager Empress Augusta was a daughter of the Grand Duke Charles Frederick of Saxe-Weimer-Eisenach. She was born September 10, 1811, and was married to King William I. June 11, 1829. She was the mother of Emperor Frederick and grandmother of King William II. the present ruler of Germany.

TERRIBLY FATAL.

The Death Rate at New York Continues to Mount Up.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Influenza is doing terribly fatal work in this city. The death rate record was broken yesterday. The number of deaths reported was 235, the largest number of any single day in the city's history. Over one-half of this number was carried off by influenza, pneumonia and diseases akin to them. The Board of Health met and discussed the alarming spread of influenza. The committee appeared baffled and seemed not to know what action to take or recommend to check it. They gave six weeks as the length of the period for the influenza epidemic to run its course. This leaves three weeks more for its ravages in New York. John B. Linnahan, a member of the Board of Health, was buried yesterday. He died of influenza.

DEATH OF MRS. SOUTHWORTH.

Stephen Pettus' Victim and Slayer Dies in the Tombs.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Mrs. Hannah Southworth died in her cell at the Tombs prison at 6:15 this morning.

Dr. Chetwood, who granted the death certificate, gives the cause of death as heart failure and general debility. The death was peaceful. There were at the deathbed Mrs. Southworth's mother and her brothers, George and William B. Martin.

On November 22 Mrs. Southworth killed Stephen Pettus, secretary and treasurer of the Brooklyn Elevated road. She followed him from a ferry boat and overtook him on Fulton street, New York City. Standing so near behind him that she might have touched him with her hand, she emptied the five chambers of a revolver into his head and body. He died in a few minutes. Pettus was forty-two years old and had an invalid wife.